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Veteran Fights Ban on Oranges

A disabled Marine veteran of two Jima fighting has been waging almost a one-man war against an order of the Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra T. Benson.

G. C. Nelson, former Torrance resident and proprietor of a retail orange selling route here, has been to Washington protesting a recent order making it illegal to sell smaller oranges in this country.

The fight has cost him considerable money, and on his last trip to Washington, two of his six children were burned to death in a flash fire at the place where they were staying.

Not Much Profit

The order was issued by the secretary following a resolution by the orange growers and packers. The smaller fruits, they said, didn't pay for the cost of packing and shipping, and didn't offer them a reasonable return.

Nelson, however, takes a different view. People on his route, he says, don't want to buy the big oranges, but prefer the smaller ones, which are juicier. As a result, his business is being ruined. There is less money for him in bigger oranges, even if people bought them, he says.

He has had a route in this area since 1947.

Made Little Headway

In Washington, he made little headway. Sen. William F. Knowland of California "wasn't interested," he said, although Sen. Charles E. Potter of Michigan, a fellow disabled vet, promised to look into the matter.

He was able to enlist promises of support from leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Amvets, and the Disabled American Veterans. Meantime, Nelson doesn't know just what he will do. He may have to go into some other business, he says.

Henry Fernandez Gets Paratroop Assignment

Cpl. Henry Fernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cosma Fernandez, of 20712 S. Western Ave., has recently been assigned as a part of a cadre to the 7th Training Company of the 11th Airborne Division School at Fort Campbell, Ky. Cpl. Fernandez is presently assigned to Company "M" 188th Airborne Infantry Regiment. Where he is a squad leader in the anti-tank platoon.



ORANGE DILEMMA . . . G. C. Nelson holds "legal" oranges in his left hand, and some of the smaller "illegal" oranges in his right hand. Due to an order of the Secretary of Agriculture the smaller oranges are out of circulation and Nelson, a disabled veteran, is out of business.

P. V. Officials Reveal Golf Site

Southland sports writers, golf editors, and PGA officials got a first-hand look at the proposed site for a new Palos Verdes golf course here Monday in the company of Robert Trent Jones, prominent golf architect, and officials of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. and Capital Co., owners of the area.

The natural terracing of the land with gentle slopes, yet no abrupt hills, will allow the construction of a 7000 yard plus championship course that can be shortened to about 6500 yards for normal play, Jones told the golf writers and officials.

He was introduced to the group by Clarence S. Bessemeyer, former executive vice-president of General Petroleum, now a consultant to Palos Verdes Properties.

The site of the new course is in the area being proposed for annexation to Torrance, and is located on the southwest slope of the Palos Verdes peninsula. Golfers on the course would have a view of the ocean from the Santa Monica hills to Newport Bay, Jones said. An on the spot inspection of the site was disappointing to many of the officials on the tour because a low fog hung over the coastline.

PGA LISTENS
On hand to hear Jones tell of plans to construct a new course there were Harry Bassler, Southern California Professional Golf Assoc. president, and Bud Oakley, Palos Verdes Country Club pro and vice-president of SCPGA. Jones has designed over 200

new golf courses, including such famous ones as the West Point course, Peachtree Golf Club at Atlanta, and Oakland Hills Country Club at Birmingham, Mich. He also has designed the Augusta National where President Eisenhower takes his vacations, and is presently remodeling the Olympic course at San Francisco getting it ready for the 1955 national open.

The new course will be one of the few on the West Coast that offers a view of the ocean, Jones pointed out. He mentioned Pebble Beach and Cypress Point as affording such views now.

Council Hears Jones
During a luncheon at the Portuguese Bend Club, attended also by members of the Torrance City Council and the City Manager, Jones said the course was in a location where the construction of estates around the course would never cut off the ocean view. Homes could be built above the course and below the course, Jones said.

Construction on the new course is expected to begin by spring and it will be ready for play in 1956. Also under consideration by developers of the area are sites for two other courses, according to Bessemeyer who presided over the luncheon.

Among those attending the conference were D. L. Marlett, vice-president and general manager of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp.; Paul W. Anderson, vice-president of the Capital Company; Ovar O. Hanson, general manager of Palos Verdes Properties; and William Kulow, resident manager for the Capital Co.



CHECKING GOLF SITE . . . Clarence S. Bessemeyer, special consultant to Palos Verdes Properties, points out proposed site for a new championship golf course on the southwest corner of the peninsula to Ivar O. Hanson (center), general manager of Palos Verdes Properties, and Robert Trent Jones, internationally recognized authority on golf architecture. Jones flew here from New York this week to look over the area with Southland sports writers and golf officials.



JOINS AIR FORCE . . . Ronald Thayne, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thayne, of 1029 W. 223rd St., recently reported to Parks Air Force Base for basic training. A 1954 graduate of Narbonne High School, he attended Harbor Junior College.

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